

**ABSTRACT**

**“Method for detecting and/or identifying bacteria present in a sample”**

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5       The present invention relates to a method for detecting and/or identifying bacteria present in a liquid or solid sample, characterized in that:

- a. the sample that may contain said bacteria is placed in a liquid culture medium, in a first container,
- b. a second container comprising at least one system for detecting said bacteria  
10       is provided,
- c. a means of transfer between the first container and the second container is provided,
- d. a temperature T1 is applied inside the second container, then
- e. a temperature T2 is applied inside the second container,
- 15       f. the temperature T1 is higher than the temperature T2 such that a defined volume of culture medium is transferred from the first container to the second container,
- g. the presence or absence of bacteria is determined and/or the bacteria are identified within the detection system.